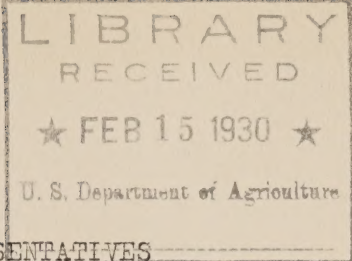


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REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES  
ATTENDING THE 1930 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

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In view of the continued interest in and increasing demand from farmers for current economic information, the State representatives at the 1930 National Outlook Conference recommend that the 1931 conference be held in January, 1931, and that provision be made for the attendance of representatives of the Extension Services of every State and Hawaii.

This and previous National Outlook Conferences have thoroughly demonstrated the fact that there is need for the presentation in much greater detail than is possible at the National Outlook Conferences of economic data and the results of economic study and analysis, methods of collecting and analyzing data and disseminating economic information. Furthermore, there is in prospect a marked increase in the number of economic specialists to be employed by the State Extension Services in the near future. On account of these facts, the State representatives strongly recommend that the Federal Extension Service, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and the Extension Services of the State Colleges of Agriculture carefully consider the holding of a series of five regional conferences -- one for the Northeast group of States, one for the New England group, one for the Southern group, one for the Central group, and one for the Western group -- in September, or at some other convenient time. These conferences would be held for the purpose of making a more detailed study of the above subjects as they apply specifically to the groups of States concerned.

It is recommended that each conference be attended by economic representatives of the Extension Services of the States concerned, and by representatives of the Federal Extension Service and the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics. We further recommend that each State representative confer with his director of extension concerning a regional conference for his district and submit recommendations concerning the same to the Extension Service and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

We recommend that there be included at the end of the printed Outlook Report a list of current economic publications and releases which are issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and available to farmers. This would enable farmers to get on the mailing list and follow developments throughout the year.

We recommend that State figures on acreage, yield, production, price, stocks on hand, intentions to plant, etc., be attached to the preliminary drafts of the Outlook Reports and to the mimeographed copies of the final reports.





The figures on which the reports are based will help in discussions, and later in making up the regional and State reports.

Since many extension economists of the States feel the need for more statistical and other supporting background data and frequently encounter difficulties in extending the National Outlook conclusions without such data, and since the present National Outlook Reports are too technical for many farm people and frequently too brief to meet the needs of extension workers, we earnestly request the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to issue the National Agricultural Outlook in two forms: viz.

1. A report, with ample supporting data, intended primarily for the use of economic specialists, and

2. Either a printed bulletin, or a series of popular commodity reports in strictly popular form, for general distribution to farmers.

We desire to express our appreciation to the members of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and of the Extension Service who have contributed to the preparation of the Outlook Reports for the attention which they have given to the numerous requests made in former years for additional and supplemental data, as well as the preparation of reports on additional commodities, and for their untiring efforts in preparing the 1930 Outlook Report.

We request that Mr. H. M. Dixon convey to Dr. C. B. Smith our sincere regrets that he has been unable to attend any of the sessions of the 1930 conference on account of illness, and our sincere wishes for his speedy recovery, as well as to express to him our appreciation for the deep interest he has taken in the Outlook work, which has contributed so materially to its success.

We desire to express our special appreciation to Mr. Tolley, who is leaving the Department, for his untiring efforts during the past few years, which have been an important factor in the successful development of the Outlook work.

We recommend that increased consideration be given to the preparation of outlook reports at timely periods of the year. In this connection, we earnestly recommend, that since so many States devote considerable effort to hog outlook work just prior to the fall breeding season, that the Bureau of Agricultural Economics prepare a special outlook report on the hog situation about September 15 of each year. In view of the demand for an outlook report on feeds in the fall months, we recommend that such a report be prepared and made available in September of each year.



Respectfully submitted and adopted by the  
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